GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:282
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AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural sector employs more persons than any other sector, both as farmers and agricultural workers;

(b) if so, the total number of agricultural workers in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the details of various central welfare schemes for agricultural workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 282 DUE FOR REPLY ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2004.

(a)&(b): According to Census of India 2001, the number of agricultural workers comprising cultivators and agricultural labourers stood at 234.09 million whereas the number of workers in other sectors stood at 168.15 million. The State-wise break-up of agricultural workers is given in the Annexure.

(c): Agricultural workers belong to the unorganized sector. The welfare schemes implemented through the Directorate General of Labour Welfare apply to specific groups of workers like beedi workers. However, the benefits of welfare schemes like Targeted Public Distribution System, Antyodaya Anna Yojana, and employment generation schemes like Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana accrue to the workers in the unorganized sector, including agricultural workers.

Annexure

State-wise number of agricultural workers Census of India 2001

India/State/UT	Cultivators Number	Agricultural labourers Number	Total Number
India @	127312851	106775330	234088181
Jammu & Kashmir	1591514	246421	1837935
Himachal Pradesh	1954870	94171	2049041
Punjab	2065067	1489861	3554928
Chandigarh	2141	563	2704
Uttaranchal	1570116	259683	1829799
Haryana	3018014	1278821	4296835
Delhi	37431	15773	53204
Rajasthan	13140066	2523719	15663785
Uttar Pradesh	22167562	13400911	35568473
Bihar	8193621	13417744	21611365
Sikkim	131258	17000	148258
Arunachal Pradesh	279300	18840	298140
Nagaland	548845	30907	579752
Manipur @	379705	113630	493335
Mizoram	256332	26783	283115
Tripura	313300	276132	589432
Meghalaya	467010	171694	638704
Assam	3730773	1263532	4994305
West Bengal	5653922	7362957	13016879
Jharkhand	3889506	2851297	6740803
Orissa	4247661	4999104	9246765
Chhattisgarh	4311131	3091358	7402489
Madhya Pradesh	11037906	7400670	18438576
Gujarat	5802681	5161658	10964339

Daman & Diu	4034	1323	5357
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	39470	14715	54185
Maharashtra	11813275	10815262	22628537
Andhra Pradesh	7859534	13832152	21691686
Karnataka	6883856	6226942	13110798
Goa	50395	35806	86201
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Kerala	724155	1620851	2345006
Tamil Nadu	5116039	8637630	13753669
Pondicherry	10900	72251	83151
A & Nicobar Islands	21461	5169	26630

@ - Excludes Mao-Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur.